

## Death = Sleep

Linden J. Carter says that the synonym “sleep” is used “in no less than 17 books of the Bible and in no less than 66 texts of Scripture” to refer to death.

In my very quick look I personally found death is referred to as sleep in 59 verses in 17 books of the Bible.

DEU 31:16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt **sleep** with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.

2SA 7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt **sleep** with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

1KI 1:21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall **sleep** with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.

1KI 2:10 So David **slept** with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

1KI 11:21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David **slept** with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country.

1KI 11:43 And Solomon **slept** with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

1KI 14:20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years: and he **slept** with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

1KI 14:31 And Rehoboam **slept** with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

1KI 15:8 And Abijam **slept** with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

1KI 15:24 And Asa **slept** with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

1KI 16:6 So Baasha **slept** with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead.

1KI 16:28 So Omri **slept** with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

1KI 22:40 So Ahab **slept** with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

1KI 22:50 And Jehoshaphat **slept** with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

2KI 8:24 And Joram **slept** with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

2KI 10:35 And Jehu **slept** with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.

2KI 13:9 And Jehoahaz **slept** with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his stead.

2KI 13:13 And Joash **slept** with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

2KI 14:16 And Jehoash **slept** with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

2KI 14:22 He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king **slept** with his fathers.

2KI 14:29 And Jeroboam **slept** with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

2KI 15:7 So Azariah **slept** with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

2KI 15:22 And Menahem **slept** with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

2KI 15:38 And Jotham **slept** with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

2KI 16:20 And Ahaz **slept** with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

2KI 20:21 And Hezekiah **slept** with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

2KI 21:18 And Manasseh **slept** with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

2KI 24:6 So Jehoiakim **slept** with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

2CH 9:31 And Solomon **slept** with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

2CH 12:16 And Rehoboam **slept** with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

2CH 14:1 So Abijah **slept** with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

2CH 16:13 And Asa **slept** with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

2CH 21:1 Now Jehoshaphat **slept** with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

2CH 26:2 He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king **slept** with his fathers.

2CH 26:23 So Uzziah **slept** with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

2CH 27:9 And Jotham **slept** with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

2CH 28:27 And Ahaz **slept** with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

2CH 32:33 And Hezekiah **slept** with his fathers, and they buried him in the chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

2CH 33:20 So Manasseh **slept** with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

JOB 3:13 For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have **slept**: then had I been at rest,

JOB 7:21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away my iniquity? for now shall I **sleep** in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

JOB 14:12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their **sleep**.

PSA 13:3 Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the **sleep** of death;

JER 51:39 In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and **sleep** a perpetual **sleep**, and not wake, saith the LORD.

JER 51:57 And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall **sleep** a perpetual **sleep**, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts.

DAN 12:2 And many of them that **sleep** in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

MAT 9:24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but **sleepeth**. And they laughed him to scorn.

MAT 27:52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which **slept** arose,

MAR 5:39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but **sleepeth**.

LUK 8:52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but **sleepeth**.

JOH 11:11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus **sleepeth**; but I go, that I may awake him out of **sleep**.

JOH 11:13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

ACT 13:36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on **sleep**, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

1CO 11:30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many **sleep**.

1CO 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that **slept**.

1CO 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all **sleep**, but we shall all be changed,

EPH 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that **sleepest**, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. (this verse uses the analogy of sleeping in death and awaking to life to illustrate being spiritually dead or asleep and coming alive spiritually)

1TH 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which **sleep** in Jesus will God bring with him.

1TH 5:10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or **sleep**, we should live together with him.